

# Designer's a man for all seasons

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By SHIRLEE IDEN

When Jack Fuller was in the twelfth grade in a Georgia High School, he made a flapper costume for his sister. The experience led to a career as a fashion designer.

"I thought it would be easy," he said. "But I found out just how much effort goes into design and construction of clothes."

Fuller visited Southfield recently when his evening and daytime separates were being shown at Hudson's Northland.

He cautioned women not to be concerned about skirt lengths.

"No need to worry, because lengths are not going to change for daytime or evening," he said. "There will remain a measure of flexibility and choice."

The Georgia designer prefers to work with fabrics that work all the time, a decision that can be convenient for the wearers of his clothes as well.

He said women like to buy clothes that can go anywhere in any season of the year.

Fuller's collection for spring, 1979, is best described as sophisticated and feminine. His fashions score a tremendous success, both for the silhouettes they present and the colorations.

His soft, supple fabrics flow into a soft, sinuous line to give the collection a clean, feminine look.

The designer presented his fashions here at a special benefit for the African-American Heritage Association which featured his holiday collection as well as the new spring line.

Fuller has spent some 13 years in New York. For part of that time he was first assistant to Kasper and he worked on the collection which earned the sportswear designer the coveted Coty Award.

Fuller credits Kasper with teaching him the important tools of his trade which helped him reach his current level of success.

His 13 years learning the business have stood him in good stead. Three months ago, he said, he bought his own firm and is now launched on a fashion career in his own right.



Black topped by satiny white jacket is beautiful in a Fuller designer at right. At far right, in another design by the Georgian shown at Hudson's Northland, the impact of slits and legginess is evident.

## fashion calendar

Monday, Feb. 12

Sussex House—Fashions by Leytons will be featured each Monday during the luncheon hour.

LaViv—Storewide clearance begins today on men's and women's sportswear and suits.

Hudson's—Authors Mary Conway and Harry Satchwell will be greeting customers and autographing copies of their latest book, "The Very Best of Metropolitan Toronto," at 12:30 p.m. in the Northland store. Authors will visit the Oakland Mall store at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Saks Fifth Avenue—CIAO greets this season with contemporary classics in a truly ready-to-wear collection on the first floor of the Somerset Mall store.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Janet Varner—Fashions from Janet Varner's of Rochester are modeled informally from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday, September through May at the Cooper's Arms restaurant, 306 Main St. in Rochester.

Sears Roebuck and Co.—Mary Lou Bider, Sears Midwest Fashion Activities Director and Judi Anderson, Miss U.S.A., will be at the Detroit Plaza Hotel from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to present a collection of women's fashion trends for spring '79.

Somerset Mall—"Iran in Turmoil" is the subject of the latest lecture in a series being given by Sherwin Wine in the Mall auditorium. Lectures are held from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee for individual lecture is \$5. You may register at the door.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Courreges—A Valentine Day sale will be held in this Renaissance Center Shop. Items will be offered at 50 per cent off.

Saks Fifth Avenue—Mary McFadden comes to Troy to personally introduce her spring/summer '79 collection in the

Regency Salon on the third floor to day and tomorrow.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Saks Fifth Avenue—The Nipon Boutique collection highlights tucks, pleats, piping and prints in the "SFantastic/SFabulous" dresses on the third floor of the Somerset store.

Somerset Mall—Maria Zayda Ang will conduct the second in a series of cooking classes exploring cuisines from the regions of Zechwan, Peking and Canton. Class will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch. Registration forms are available at the Crown House of Gifts. Cost for individual class is \$20.

Saks Fifth Avenue—Geoffrey Beene's ultimate and exclusive way to dress of spring/summer '79 will be shown in the Regency Room, second floor Detroit store.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Somerset—Concert Series—Boris Maximovich, concert pianist, will be featured in the center mall from 2 to 4 p.m.



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## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

### Sugar and spice

If you and your lover need to add a little spice to your life, this cookbook could be the perfect solution. Sprinkled throughout with full-color fine art reproductions and amorous poetic quotations, "Food For Lovers" (\$11.95) provides "delicious recipes that can be prepared by lovers and cooks of all persuasions, male or female, affluent or impecunious, in a hurry or with time to spare." Providing that you are open-minded, liberated or whatever, you should find the authors' approach delightful. Bookpeople, Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield, 851-9150 and Prudential Town Center, Southfield, 358-4646.

### And everything nice

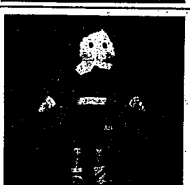
In keeping with the above, Lingerie has lots of luxurious items for lovers to love. Men's vivid red pure silk boxer shorts (\$40) are in stock in sizes 30 to 40. (They're also available in ivory, black, bronze, midnight blue and cocoa brown.) A short chemise-styled red satin nightie complete with black lace side inserts (\$58) looks great all by itself or teamed up with a red satin Remarque kabuki-style short robe (\$55). Should you prefer something more tailored, be sure to check out the floor-length red Halston T-shirt (\$85). It's 100 per cent polyester and can be worn as a nightgown, hostess gown, beach robe or dress. Lingerie, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-1140.

### T time

Just like that ol' man river, T-shirts just keep rolling along in fashion popularity polls. Tennis Time has a terrific group of one-of-a-kind T-shirts handcrafted especially for Valentine's Day. Colorful appliqued letters pronounce such sentiments as "love me," "hug me," "be mine," "love" and "I'm yours." (The majority of the shirts employ either a red and white or a pink and white color scheme.) Made of poly-cotton and in stock from size extra small through large, the shirts are priced at \$22.

### Red hots

You don't have to be Daddy Warbucks to make your little girl happy. Here's a red-hot item that should do the trick not just the day after tomorrow but for a long time to come. It's an Annie rag doll complete with curly orange mop top hair, navy blue Maryjanes and a red dress sporting a patch pocket imprinted with the word, "Annie." To top it all off, a furry beige dog (Sandy, naturally) sticks out of the pocket. Three sizes are available: the 9-inch high doll is priced at \$4; the 16-inch doll at \$7 and the 24-inch doll at \$18. Continental Watch and Jewelry Shop in The Continental Market, 210 W. Woodward, 642-0423.



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